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 after the Juiy／August 1990 issue．SINCUS will send all articles to S．N．U．G．＇s newsletter，＂Roundup＂．Due to a decline in subscriptions，and a reduction in input， I proposed a termination of the newsletter as it is，and replace it with a monthly fueeting notice．Dues are going to be suspended，and all will be urged to subscrite to S．N．U．G．Corresponding members，please note the mailing label line above your name．＂Last issue＂，means this is the last issue due you．If the label has a spelled out number，＂zero，one，two，etc＂，that will be the number of issues remaining on your current subscription，after the July issue．You will get with your last issue in July a check for the amount of＂that number times $\$ 1.33$＂．No money will te refunded for the extended issue offers．Swaps will cease with the Iuly issue．All future business with SINCUS will be advertised and promoted thru the SNUG newsletter．Please subscribe to SNUG．Thanks to all members for your past support．Write to S．N．U．E．at Paul Holmgren， 5231 Wilton Wood Ct．，Indianapolis，IN 46254 Send a SASE for replies．
## SINCUS GOES MSDOS：







 as weil．Here＇s a Very tig THANK YOU to the wonderful fuiks in the TG world whade it possibie to contact our former menter，
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tor supporting this newsletter，and a very + EIG Thanse to all the contributing writers．

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    Part 1
Warren Fricke, 8-9-88
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This series of articles is called Timex Logic rether than computer losic because not all complters ireat aridior use log－ ic as fully as the Timex compu－ tet can．Some of the logic operations deseribed in this series cannot te used on many other computers，including ane fruity one，midely pushed onto our public school systems．This． is not intended to imply that other computers cennot perform similar tasks．They can do the same thing by ievious means but need more programming lines and consume more time in so doing． RPPropriate lagic can cut lat of corners．

Liñ 10，that foltous，js a statement cantairins a singte logic condition．The canstrue－ tion of the line is tupicat of most，but nat all，losic state－ ments．．＂．If＂some logic corm－ dition＂THEN．．．．．

10 IF $x: 5$ THEN PRINT＂OK＂
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＞＂．means＂greater than＂${ }^{2}$ is one of six sumbol operators，
$\{=, \quad, \quad$ a，arid $\}$. Réfer to pase eza of the manual for their mean－ ings．

Line 10 means trat if $\times$ is greater in value than 5．print the word＂OK＂．Hhatever fol－ lous THEN is the action ta be taken，which can be almost any－ thing．Simple as this statemerit seems to be，the computer must Evabuate the logic condition of x）S before it can act properly． It daes this by maving a com－ parison setueen $x$ end 5 ．and then substituting a＂logic val－ Ue of $1^{\prime \prime}$ for the condition if the condition is TRUE，or a ＂togic value of pupr the con－ dition if it is FALSE．It fol－ tows that the condition will be TRUE OF FALSE depending upon the walue of the variablex at the time the computer works on this line．and the comparison is made．

Atthough the carmputer itself assigns a logit value of 1 to a TRUE conditign，it considers an＇s number other than a to be －Logical TRUE，Even negative num－ bers．Thus losic value of denotes a FRLSE condition and any other losical value denotes a TRUE condition．Hence，logic is number oriented．We can test this by adding a program line．

5 LET $X=8$
If we riam fut this twa－line programe line if uill print out the word＂ok＂．This is because the logic condition of $x>5$ is TRUE，and the computer substi－ tuted a logic value of 1 for the condition．gy direct entry have the computer PRINT $X>5$ and the response will be 1 ，the lagir value of a TRUE condition．

If we change the value of $x$ in line 5 to． 5 ay 3 and RLN the program again．nothing prints out：This is because the com－ puter assigned a logic value of 0 to the $x>5$ comdition，as it is now FRLSE．Hs before，and by direct entru，Es央 the computer to pRINT X，s．The response uill be 0，the current lagical value of $\times>5$.

Now delete line 5．And ini line lo in plare of the condi－ tion $x>5,5 u b s t i t u t e 1$, the tog－ is value for a TRUE candition． RLiN the one－line program and the word＂OK＂mill Print．It mill also print＂ロK＂no matter uhat numericat value is substi－ tuted for xis，even negalive values．Try some．But if a o is substituted for x＞s，indi－ cating a FALSE condition，noth－ jng prints out．

It is important to realize that the conditions referred to as TRLE of FALEE do not involve morals nor are they indicative of desireability in any way． They are merely terms handed doun from a branch of mathemat－ ics that was in existance cong befare the Timex computer．You can veriry this by running thru the preceding exercises uith the condition changed to read $x<5$, or $x=5$ ．$£ \pm 6$ ．

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\section*{ George Fenney，SINCUS}


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813 NEXT N
820 STOP
821 LET M=M+21
823 GOTO 810
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901 PAUSE 4E4
902 CLS
903 SAUE "TE"
910 LET I=-COS PI
811 LET NX=15554
912 LET HL =1ES2%
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NOT is used pifricipally to in－ verse the logit falue of atroth－ er logic operaiian．In expres－ sions like NoT \(X=Y\) if \(x=y\) is THUE（logic UCibe 1），NOT \(x=Y\) is FALSE（lagit Yalué oj．If \(X=Y\) is FALSE，bTEE NOT \(X=Y\) is TRUE．In this combinatiars，the Timex computer evaluates the operation \(x=y\) first，as the logic sumbol＝has épriorty higher than huT，farenthes （high priorty）araund the aper－ ation \(X=Y\) are not needed to do this but may be used sometimes far clarity．The Timex campu－ ter simply ignores superfluaus． parentheses．

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There are times uhen not can rict conveniently be eliminated． Far example NoT \(x\) means that if \(x\) has a value of D，NoT \(x\) has a logic walle of 1. If \(x\) has a Yalue other thats N NOT \(x\) has a lagic value of Q ．Fram this one can appreciate that NOT＂Eamething＂will ztweys have a logic balue of g of 1 ， and nothing etse．

In Part II ue 山ill shou hou compound logic statemente can be buibt up using the cambining logit operators，AND and DR． And，how the Timex computer con－ siders the priorty of all oper－ ations，inctuding those assign－ ed to logic condjuians，sorthat it can do＂first things firsti； thus arriving at the proper


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Warrenfricke
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\section*{The Great TS Garage/Fiorah/Lawn SALE! The LAST 30 DAYS - it's over May 30, 1990}
1. Al items golif 35 is, all gates final, to returns. All gales are on first come first serve basis. You azy uish to add a \(2 d\) or 30 preferance, any over bayment will be returned. Ail softwafe is crainial with docs.
2. Monezy orders preferfuif dake payabie to "paui hill", Ordeps ildiled next day when possibie, Chacs wilf renure up to 4 weeks to clear. Pisase insura your name and address is orinted CLEARLI! This sale is being tandied by the undersignat, not the club SiNuS. All proceads, iess expenses, will be turned over to 5incis.



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a \(3.5^{\prime \prime}\) drive he got from Digital One (Jan. issue ad on page 606 of Computer Shopper);price was \(\mathbf{3 3 3}\). They were NEC 1035, 1036 and 1037 drives. The 1037 is \(1 / 4\) height, 720 K drives which format to 620 K in the FDD system. Reliable, cheap and 620 K capacity! The Hacker, Las Vegas TSUG mentions the 288 FAX News, Curtis Claar, 2342 Glendale Ave., Casper, WY B2601; a faxed newsletter for the Z8B, costs 88 a year for 12 issues. Under their BBS column are several BBSs reviewed for your info, from NYC to Califormia. And via Sinc-Link is a 2068 - 5 tar \(2 X-1000 /\) Aerco Centronics interface fix. From Richard Hurds invert the strobe line from the Aerco Centronic IF to the Star printer. John Oliger gave Richard the tip. The Plotter, Clackams County Area TSUG, \(14191 / 27\) th Street, Oregon City, OR 97045 has a program for LKDOS so you don't have to type the each file name into a LOAD menu program. An Article on a 2068 serial cable, and a review of Fix-Fx. TS Eulletin. Bill Harmer, 97 Ruskin Aves, Ottawa Dntario KiY \(4 B 3\) has much info as usual, Time Designs, Vol 5 No 2s is out, (29722 Hult Road, Colton, OR 97017: (No responce to a letter mailed in early March to this editor-PAH) Wm McKelvey, 744 Wall Rd., Spring Lake Heights, NJ 07762 is building heavy duty power supplies for the 2068 . Bill goes into a squeeze, and discusses how the compressions of files comes about, and maybe someone would want to do that fer TS users?
- Shooting some breezes: On the front of this newsletter, a small anoumement may go unnoticed, SINCUS is going with MSDOS. Dver a period of time more of our declining enrollment has been switching over to MSDOS machines. The price is low for a 8088, . 5 meg RAM, and a 20 meg Harddisc. With disc drives, a printer and a monitor on hand, less than \(\$ 000\) is getting these folks in business. Reasons are many, and work related production is rarely on a OL or a 2068. The effect, as in most other \(T 5\) groups, members are not renewing, costs are soaring, and dues are going up or newsletter's size is being cut. A newsletter is the glue for it's group, and a piece of the budget pie for all other publications. National pubs have to compete against each newsletter. With the declining subscriptions of newsletters and magazinesy so declines writer's input, the very reason for existance. Why buy a magazine or newsletter if it never has anything related to what you want to learn? And if the cost goes up, the content goes down, whose to subscribe? What if...all the newsletters send their articles to S.N.U.G. for publication. Currently, each group pubishes monthly, or bi-monthly or quarterly or once in awhile. What if...all newsletters just sent out meeting and dues notices? What if ... all groups charged its members just enough to cover minimal expenses? What if... S.N.U.G. charged \(\$ 18\) a year for its publications? What if... all TS users subscribed to SNUG? Coult we keep the TS ball rolling for a few more years? Articles, reviews, how to's, opinions, and news could be seperated into machine groups. Each article would get national exposure, groups or individuals could get some income from making tape or disc copies of software. Group swap expenses would be reduced to nil. Editors would still have to get the material and group related news ready for the national publication and send it in on time. Since writing this, S.N.U.G.'s Faul Holmgren came out with a similiar recommendation, that we all pull together and support a national newsletter. I feel it is a good time to get on the band wagon. We have missed meeting some groups, and I hope we meet more through SNUG, and more individual users. Pail Hill, Sincus News

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HAM-BONE BBS-(607)754-7498 Seems to be down again, maybe next month

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I do not wish to dictate the membership cost of SNUGs letter, on page seven, just shooting out a suggestion. The decision to stop SINCUS NEWS was not an easy one to make. Money, time and energy of several people goes into each issue, pride and ego is also a part of the letter. To stop, like to quit hitting one's head on the wall feels good, but also the ego, pride suffers. But more than one's silly ego, is the personal contact with so many of you TS users out there, that's what I'll miss the most. I'm thankful for the opportunity to have met some personally, and most by phone and letter. PAH```

